Congressional Art Competition

I am pleased to announce that I will be sponsoring the 2006 Congressional Art Competition for Senior High School students. I believe that this competition provides an excellent opportunity to showcase the talent of students in the Sixth Congressional District and acknowledge our nation's gifted young artists.

In the last 25 years, hundreds of thousands of high school students have been able to participate at the local level. This remarkable exhibit represents the combined efforts of the members who conduct local contests and the students who participate.

Participating students must reside in the Sixth Congressional District. If your students reside in Harford, Baltimore or Montgomery County, I recommend that you verify their Congressional district online at: http://mdelect.net/ to avoid disqualification.

Please complete the enclosed school registration form and return it to my Allegany/Garrett District office, at the address below, no later than March 10, 2006.

Enclosed you will find the art competition guidelines and a student information/release form. Each student must complete this form and attach it to the back of their artwork. You may make copies as needed. You may also download this form and the competition guidelines from this website.

Artwork may be dropped off at my nearest district office listed below. All artwork is due by April 21, 2006. Artwork dropped off after this date will be disqualified.

Allegany/Garrett County District Office 1 Frederick Street, Suite 2 Cumberland, MD 21502 301-724-3105 800-889-3012 (toll free)

Frederick County District Office 7360 Guilford Drive, Suite 101 Frederick, MD 21704 301-694-3030 888-297-8006 (toll free)

Washington/Montgomery County District Office 11377 Robinwood Drive, Suite F Hagerstown, MD 21742 301-797-6043 888-863-4581 (toll free) Carroll/Baltimore/Harford County District Office 15 East Main Street, Suite 110 Westminster, MD 21157 410-857-1115 800-705-2385 (toll free)

On May 15, 2006, I will announce the Sixth Congressional District Best in Show and winners in each of the seven categories. The eight winners and their families will receive a tour of the Capitol and be invited to attend a reception on Capitol Hill.

The Best in Show from our competition will be displayed in the Cannon Tunnel on Capitol Hill for one year and may be awarded an Artistic merit Scholarship, in the amount of \$3000.00 per year by the Savannah College of Art and Design. The Best in Show winner from the Sixth District will be invited to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony and reception on Wednesday June 28, 2006, in Washington, DC with other Best in Show winners from around the United States.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Brenda Frantz, Art Coordinator at 301-724-3105 or toll free at 800-889-3012.